OFFICE OF DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Annual Caseload Statistics for ODR-Approved Mediation Centers

Nebraska's mediation centers' 2004/05 caseload increased by over 20% from the prior year, growing from a case volume in 03/04 of 1,438 cases to a case volume of 1,729 for this past year. Following is a breakdown of the numbers for the period of July 1, 2004, through June 30, 2005, according to mediation center, case type, referral source. The higher case numbers in both Omaha and Lincoln reflect both the population density of those cities for those locally-sited mediation centers (versus the rural centers which serve anywhere from 16 to 36 counties) and the fact that both the Concord Center in Omaha and The Mediation Center in Lincoln have "day-of-court" mediation projects, such as child dependency case facilitations in Douglas County and small claims mediations in Lancaster County which provide a continuous source of mediation referrals. What is not represented on this chart are the numerous public and community seminars, educational workshops, and presentations to address violence prevention, conflict resolution, collaborative practices, and other strategic planning resources.

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2004-2005 PROGRAM YEAR	Totals	Central Mediation Center, Kearney	Center for Conflict Resolution Scottsbluff	The Concord Center, Omaha	Nebraska Justice Center, Fremont	The Mediation Center, Lincoln	The Resolution Center, Beatrice
Total Case Volume	1,729	261	138	525	217	412	176
CASE TYPE							
Family (Dom. Relations)	643	98	64	187	94	106	94
Restorative Justice	120	15	34	3	27	-0-	41
Family Group Conferencing	298	71	13	73	35	105	1
Community Disputes	363	71	13	62	58	134	25
Facilitations	204	4	-0-	188	-0-	11	1
Other	120	2	14	12	3	56	14
REFERRAL SOURCE							
Courts	n.=628; 36.3%	n.=66; 26.1%	n.=13; 11.3%	n.=324; 66.3%	n.=53; 29.3%	n.=115; 30.5%	n.=57; 36.5%
Attorneys	n.=80; 4.6%	n.=15; 6%	n.=12; 10.4%	n.=3; 0.6%	n.=23; 12.7%	n.=18; 4.8%	n.=9; 5.7%
Probation	n.=36; 2%	-0-	n.=2; 1.7%	n.=3; 0.6%	n. =3; 1.7%	-0-	n.=28; 17.9%
Human Service	n.=418; 24.1%	n.=113; 44.8%	n.=30; 26.1%	n.=98; 30.2%	n.=46; 25.4%	n.=104; 27.7%	n.=27; 17.3%
CASE DISPOSITION							
Cases Mediated	n.=1,020; 58.9%	n.=157; 69.1%	n.=64; 54.7%	n.=394; 79.7%	n.=100; 46%	n.=241; 65.8%	n.=64; 42%
Resolution	n.=874; 85.6%	n.=139; 88.5%	n.=56; 87.5%	n.=356; 90%	n.=82; 82%	n.=195; 80.9%	n.=46; 71.8%